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LB 744, 960

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill passes with the emergency clause on and Senator Hoagland goes back to sleeping at night.
LB 960.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Landis would move to return 960 to Select File for specific amendment. (Amendment appears on page 2198 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I have unfortunately been on my feet in the last day or two arguing against meritorious provisions that my friends have been carrying. I have done that because in my estimation fiscal restraints and the limitations of our revenue alternatives have dictated that to be the case. It is now time for the ax to fall, so to speak, a little closer to home, and in my own analysis, there isn't the money to pay for 960 this year. If we assume as the Governor does we have about a million dollars left for A bills which means that water, all of the dozens of things that are out there have to be done in about a million dollars. In the event we disagree with the Governor and decide to lapse cash funds based on that \$35 million special reserve into the general fund we have about \$6 million. If we change the reserve from 5 to 4 percent, we have roughly \$14 million of A bills, and as I add up the bills that are out there, I have higher priorities for water, for limited teacher retirement, and for others, but frankly those things can not coexist, and while I have adopted a position of voting against the scholarship program and the voc-ed program, it seems to me that my own priorities are such and that this body's priorities are such that this bill should not be paid for today. I have asked to remove the operative date and delay it a year and that is the purpose of my amendment. I do so because I am trying to show the same level of restraint on behalf of my own projects, which I believe in tremendously by the way and think this is a very meritorious bill, but to make certain that there is money up there to do what we need to do but still live inside 3 1/2 and 19 percent, I would